



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE ("USPTO")

In re the Application of: **Tadashi WATANABE et al.**

Art Unit: **2818**

Application Number: **10/823,729**

Examiner: **David Vu**

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For: **SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE FABRICATION METHOD**

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Commissioner for Patents

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 5, 2008, whose period for response expires December 5, 2008, and concurrent with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), kindly amend the above-identified application as set forth below. In view of the same as well as the following remarks, kindly reconsider and further examine the application.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.